

Dear Friends,

Scripture says, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1). It is difficult to believe that we will not be able to assemble for Holy Week and Easter to walk together with Jesus in his passion. Nonetheless, God will be “very present” with us, no matter where we are.

Though we will be physically separated, All Saints’ Church will mark the season with worship and prayer as it has for over 150 years. I invite you to the observance of Holy Week and Easter this year in new and different ways. The schedule below indicates what time the liturgies will take place and how you can join.

Sunday, April 5	10am	Palm Sunday Liturgy (Facebook Live)
	5pm	Evening Prayer (Facebook Live)
Monday, April 6-		
Thursday, April 9	9am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
*Thursday, April 9	6pm	Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
*Friday, April 10	Noon	Good Friday Liturgy and Way of the Cross (Facebook Live)
Saturday, April 11	Noon	Holy Saturday Liturgy (Zoom)
Sunday, April 12	10am	Easter Sunday Liturgy (Facebook Live)

*Materials available at allsaintsparkslope.org

The materials available online will assist you in participating in the liturgies from home. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office with any questions, preferably by email at office@allsaintsparkslope.org.

Let us remain steadfast in prayer during this time of vigil. We lift up prayers for the sick, for health care providers, first responders, and hospital workers, and we remember those who have lost their jobs or are unable to work. God truly is our refuge and strength!

In Christ,

The Rev. Steven Paulikas, Rector

All Saints' Church
Holy Week and Easter 2020

The physical separation we will experience this Holy Week and Easter doesn't need to hinder our connection with God. In fact, this year's observances may lead us to discover new richness in God's grace.

Ideally, you will have three things to help you participate: a Bible, *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), and a place in your home set aside for worship.

Each service includes readings from the Bible. The list of readings can be found in the BCP or at lectionarypage.net. If you do not have a copy of the BCP, consider ordering one; it is a remarkable spiritual resource designed to last a lifetime. You can also visit bcponline.org for the full text. Page numbers in this document refer to the BCP. Finally, consider setting aside a sacred space in your living area where you will worship. Decorate it with candles you can light during services, holy books and images, flowers, or whatever reminds you of God.

Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

10am Liturgy of the Palms Live-stream on Facebook

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with palm branches. You are encouraged to find a branch of some kind near your home to use in worship on Palm Sunday (a younger person in your life might especially enjoy this task!) The Liturgy of the Palms begins on p. 270.

5pm Evening Prayer Live-stream on Facebook

Evening Prayer is said every Sunday at 5pm at All Saints' Church. This traditional Anglican devotion is ideal for home use any day of the week. Pray during this live-streamed service and tutorial. Evening Prayer: Rite Two begins on p. 115.

Monday-Thursday of Holy Week April 6-9, 2020

9am Morning Prayer Zoom

Morning Prayer will be said every morning of Holy Week via Zoom. A link to this daily digital prayer meeting will be sent out to the congregation. Please join whether you are familiar with this liturgy or not. Morning Prayer: Rite Two begins on p. 75.

Maundy Thursday April 9, 2020

6pm Agape Meal At home

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper. You are encouraged to organize an Agape Meal in your home this day. Agape is the Greek word for love, and early Christians often gathered for a "love feast" like this. The meal itself should be simple and traditionally includes bread and wine. We will feast together as a congregation at 6pm. Please reach out to

one another so that you can eat together via FaceTime, Zoom, conference call, or any other way that works for you. If you would like to be a virtual host or are looking for someone to feast with, contact the parish office at office@allsaintsparkslope.org or call 718-768-1156. The booklet in this mailing includes blessings over the meal and readings from Scripture. During the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet as an act of humility; please consider what acts or words of humility and gratitude you will offer your fellow diners, and especially the ones who have been patient with you at home these past weeks.

Good Friday **April 10, 2020**

12pm Good Friday Liturgy Live-stream on Facebook

The Good Friday Liturgy begins on p. 276 with prayer, the reading of the Passion, and the Solemn Collects. During the veneration of the cross, you are encouraged to place a cross in your sacred space and meditate on the passion of Our Lord.

1pm Way of the Cross Live-stream on Facebook

We will experience the Way of the Cross as a stationary meditation this year. Please use the booklet in this mailing to participate along with the officiants during the live-stream.

2pm Seven Last Words YouTube

A video of All Saints' parishioners' meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ will be available on YouTube. Please watch this video as the final part of your Good Friday devotions.

Holy Saturday **April 11, 2020**

12pm Holy Saturday Liturgy Zoom

This brief liturgy begins on p. 283. All are welcome to join.

All Saints' traditionally celebrates the Great Vigil of Easter together with other congregations. We encourage you to continue this tradition by participating in the Vigil online with another congregation.

Easter Sunday **April 12, 2020**

10am Holy Eucharist Live-stream on Facebook

Celebrate Christ's resurrection from your home! Dress up as you would in church, make your favorite Easter foods, and share your joy with friends and family over the phone and online. Join the live-streamed service from All Saints' at 10am. Part of this liturgy will be the Renewal of Baptismal Vows on pp. 302-305; consider meditating on these vows and the Baptismal Covenant this week. There is no Evening Prayer on this day.

Agapé Meal for Maundy Thursday

A meatless meal is to be preferred. The setting should be austere and the foods sparse and simple. Appropriate foods include soup, cheese, olives, dried fruit, bread, and wine.

If there are several persons present, one will preside.

(Note: Multiple households could prepare for this service and coordinate their celebration of it using a video conferencing platform, alternating blessings.)

+ *The Blessings* +

At the time appointed, all gather around the table, standing as able.

After a time of silence, the presider offers the following blessings.

Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. Let us be fed again soon with that bread of life. And as grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Over the Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

+ *The Meal* +

The meal is now eaten. If several are gathered, they first serve one another, then dine.

+ *The Word and the Prayers* +

At the end of the meal, the seventeenth chapter of the gospel of John is read.

John 17

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have

given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me

where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

A simple hymn can be sung.

The following psalm is then said. If there is more than one voice, it is said in unison.

Psalm 63:1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place; *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you,
your right hand holds me fast.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: you feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant Jesus; make us servants for the sake of Jesus, who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all.

In his name we pray. *Amen.*

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The Way of the Cross

A hymn or other song may be sung during the entrance of the ministers.

Opening Devotions

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy.

Presider and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

V. We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

R. In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

First Station Jesus is condemned to death

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to die." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

V. God did not spare his own Son:

R. But delivered him up for us all.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Second Station Jesus takes up his Cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

V. The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:
 For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Third Station Jesus falls the first time

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

V. Surely he has borne our griefs:
 And carried our sorrows.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Fourth Station Jesus meets his afflicted mother

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

V. A sword will pierce your own soul also:
 And fill your heart with bitter pain.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Fifth Station The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

V. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:
 Cannot be my disciple.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Sixth Station A woman wipes the face of Jesus

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

We have seen him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of men. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

V. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:

R. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Seventh Station Jesus falls a second time

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

V. But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

R. Scorned by all and despised by the people.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Eighth Station Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

There followed after Jesus a great multitude of the people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

V. Those who sowed with tears:

R. Will reap with songs of joy.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Ninth Station Jesus falls a third time

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged me and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes. "Remember, O Lord, my affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!"

V. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:

And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Tenth Station Jesus is stripped of his garments

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

V. They gave me gall to eat:

R. And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Eleventh Station Jesus is nailed to the Cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

V. They pierce my hands and my feet:

R. They stare and gloat over me.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Twelfth Station Jesus dies on the Cross

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished!" And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head, and handed over his spirit.

V. Christ for us became obedient unto death:

R. Even death on a cross.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Thirteenth Station The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. "Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me."

V. Her tears run down her cheeks:

R. And she has none to comfort her.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Fourteenth Station Jesus is laid in the tomb

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

V. You will not abandon me to the grave:

R. Nor let your holy One see corruption.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Concluding Prayers before the Altar

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Let us pray. (Silence)

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

This liturgy is adapted from the Book of Occasional Services 2018.